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1. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF DUAL NATIONALS GUARANTEES, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS BULGARIANS ON THIS ISSUE TO GET AS MUCH PROGRESS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ARRIVAL OF DEPARTMENT LEGAL EXPERT. IN THIS REGARD, WE LEARNED RECENTLY THAT BULGARIANS HAVE WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH CANADA COVERING THIS ISSUE WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO RAISE WITH MFA.

2. THIS AGREEMENT IS INCLUDED IN LETTER OF JUNE 30, 1966 FROM GERO GROZEV (IDENTIFIED AS HEAD OF "BULGARIAN DELEGATION" AND NOW HEAD OF BULGARIAN UN MISSION) IN WHICH GROZEV INFORMED EXTAFF SECRETARY PAUL MARTIN THAT "A DUAL NATIONAL (WHETHER BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION) OF BULGARIA AND CANADA WHO VISITS BULGARIA ON A CANADIAN PASSPORT FURNISHED WITH A BULGARIAN VISA OR WHO VISITS CANADA ON A BULGARIAN PASSPORT FURNISHED WITH A CANADIAN VISA WILL NOT BE DENIED PERMISSION TO LEAVE BULGARIA OR CANADA, CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECTIVELY, ON THE GROUND THAT HE POSSESSES THE

CITIZENSHIP OF THE COUNTRY VISITED."

3. SINCE THIS FORMULATION CONSTITUTES BULGARIAN PRECEDENT FOR ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT ON GUARANTEES FOR DUAL NATIONALS, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE IT WITH MFA, POINTING OUT THAT US PROPOSAL INCLUDES SIMILAR PROVISION. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS AGAIN IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF ISSUES INVOLVING DUAL NATIONALS AS PART OF SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION GENERAL AGREEMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT LEGAL EXPERT SHAMWELL CONFIRMS PLANNED ARRIVAL DECEMBER 11.

5. FOR OTTAWA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING SOFIA AND DEPARTMENT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO DISCUSSING GROZEV-MARTIN AGREEMENT WITH BULGARIANS.
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